

## Gas mileage issue is really ridiculous

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### To the Editor:

This gas mileage issue being given headlines, (Rep. Peter Franklin and Rep Jay Phinizy) is ridiculous. Jay and Peter are two of the most honest men in Concord. I should know; I don't associate with dishonest folks.

The implications are that these men are so needy (they're not) or corrupt, that they spend their time padding their gas mileage accounts. Mr. Goff is thinking of Wall Street.

Granted, Mr. Franklin is eccentric, and bores people to the point of tears as he tediously goes through every jot and tittle of a budget. I believe the hall monitors in Concord are responsible for expense questions. It's my opinion that towns with their legions of consultants, city employees, contracts, bonding issues, audits, fund raising organizations (no transparency) have their hands full.

Mr. Goff (being new) is not aware of the long battle with the local waste industry and how Rep Franklin was the sole 'hall monitor' of the outrageous costs being put on the citizens. This included Vermont representatives giving a former director to this entity (Ms. Williams), a \$10,000 bonus for putting us in the red by millions.

Peter voiced his outrage that citizens were made to pay property taxes on this billion dollar (Waste Management parent company) industry and 81 percent of various costs. This company would have closed had citizens not paid most of their bills. Huh — and no royalty checks!

When PSNH bought out CVEC, Senator Odell promised Claremont citizens that 'finally' they'd see reasonable rates. We now have columns of charges. I'm afraid to screw in a light bulb — least I be charged. A few of us citizens testified at PUC hearings trying to help Claremont. It was futile though CVEC — Wheelabrator "overcharged" us by multi-millions. And no headlines.

If not for Rep. Phinizy, citizens would have seen themselves saddled with a \$2 million dollar bill for the mercury retrofit at the incinerator. There were no headlines thanking Rep. Phinizy.

Since Rep. Rodeschin does her representing by phone, and a former rep never showed up, phew, we're not in the red.

Priorities: you'd think that Mr. Goff would be more worried over the billions, soon to be trillions, that the banks are being given for their years of living the high life. Who's bailing us out? As Mr. Woodman would say, "Hold

onto your wallets."

Banker, Mr. Goff, should be alarmed over our city manager's remark Oct. 9, 2008: "I come from a financial background. In my lifetime, I've never been as frightened as I am now." I don't think Guy's worried about gas mileage. My vote goes to Jay — hands down, and Tom Donovan — the super activist for seniors and the vulnerable. God bless him.

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